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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to comment on the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice that was reached late last year. The settlement is definitely in the public's interest and is a fair deal for both sides of the dispute.

From every indication I have seen, the agreement is strong and requires many changes to be implemented by Microsoft. As an example, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This will in turn give consumers the freedom to choose to change their computer's configuration at any time. Also, Microsoft will be monitored under the agreement by a Technical Committee to ensure they are meeting their obligations.

I believe Microsoft has done a world of good for this country. Their products are extremely important to this country, whether small businesses or individuals in their home use them. I hope you continue to support the settlement and take no further action.

Sincerely,

Donald Meador